GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4450
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POPULATION STABILISATION
JAI BHADRA SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently announced that contributors of the National Population Stabilisation fund will be entitled to income-tax rebates;

(b) if so, whether in the first meeting of the `Jumbo` the National Commission on Population also announced that non-government representatives would be associated with the management of this fund; and

(c) if so, the details regarding this new National Commission on Population alongwith its composition and functions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. At the first meeting of the National Commission on Population held on 22nd July, 2000, it was announced that non-governmental representatives will be associated with the National Population Stabilisation Fund.

(c) Resolution dated 11th May, 2000 by which the National Commission on Population was set up is annexed.The composition and functions of the Commission are given in the Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

India was the first country to recognise that population stabilisation is an essential prerequisite for sustainable development and formulated a National Family Planning Programmein 1952. During the next two decades, the country will have to face the challenge and utilise the opportunity provided by the current phase of demographic transition to rapidly achieve both population stabalisation and sustainable achievement in human development. There is an urgent need for planners, programme implementers and the people themselves to expedite this process by focusing on promoting synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes in order to achieve this goal. To provide overall `guidance to this national effort, the Government of India has decided to constitute a NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION, as under, with immediate effect:-

Chairman Prime Minister of India
Vice Chairman Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Members

Union Minister incharge of Education :
Union Minister incharge of Environment and Forests
Union Minister incharee of Finance
Union Minister incharge of Health and Family Welfare
Union Minister jncharge of Information and Broadcasting
Union Minister incharge of Rural Development
Union Minister incharge of Social Justice and Empowerment
Union Minister incharge of Urban Development
Union Minister incharge of Women and Child Development
Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha
Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
Chief Ministers of All States/Union Territories

Dr.(Smt.) Najma Heptulla, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Leader of Bharatiya Janata Party (Shri Kusha Bhau Thakre)
Leader of Communist Party of India (Shri A.B. Bardhan)
Leader of Indian National Congress (Smt. Sonia Gandhi, M.P.)
Leader of Nationalist Congress Party (Shri Sharad Pawar, M.P.)
Leader of Janata Dal (United) (Shri Sharad Yadav, M.P.)
Mrs. Margaret Alva, Member of Parliament
Shri Purno Sangma, Member of Parliament
Smt. Shabana Azmi, Member of Parliament
Shri Vinod Khanna, Member of Parliament
President, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India
President, Confederation of Indian Industries
President, Editors Guild of India
President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
President, Federation ofObst. & Gyna. Society of India, FOGSI
President, Indian Medical Association
President, Indian Newspapers Society
President, Indian Nursing Council
Representative, Jain T.V., (Dr. J.K. Jain)
President, Medical Council of India
Representative, STAR T.V. (Shri Prannoy Roy)
Representative, SUN T.V.
Representative, ZEE T.V. (Shri Subhash Chandra)
Professor Abad Ahmed
Mr. Abhay Bang, SEARCH, Gadchiroli
Shri A.C. Muthiah
Shri Alok Mukhopadhyay, Chairman, VHAI
Shri Alyque Padamsee
Dr. A. Vaidyanathan, Madras Institute of Development Studies
Shri Aveek Sarkar, Telegraph
Dr. Banoo Coyaji, Director, KEM Hospital, Rastapet
Shri Barun Sengupta, Bartman
Dr. Darshan Shankar (ISM). President. foundation for Revitalisation
of Local Health Traditions.
Dr. E.K. Iqbal, KSSP
Smt. Ela Bhatt, SEWA, Ahmedabad
Smt. Imrana Qadir, Professor, Population Studies, JNU, New Delhi
Ms. JayaJaitley
Ms. Jayanti Natarajan
Sh. K. Gopalakrishna, President, JANANI
Dr. K. Srinivasan, President, Indian Association for Study of Population
Dr. Mahip Singh
Shri Mammen Mathew, Malayalm Manorama
Professor Mohd. Amin, Ex. V.C., Jamia Hamdard
Ms. Mohsina Kidwai
Shri Narayana Murthy
Shri Narendra Mohan, Dainik Jagaran
Dr. Neena Puri,Tresident, FPIA
Mrs. Neidonud Angami, President, Naga Mothers` Association
Shri N. Ravi, The Hindu
Dr. N.S. Deodhar, Pune
Ms. Padma Sachdeva
Shri Prabhash Joshi, Jansatta
Dr. Pravin Visaria, Director, IEG, Delhi
Shri P.N. Tripathi, AVARD
Shri Qari M.M. Majari, Urdu, Secular Qayadat
Ms. Quatarlain Haider
Ms. Ragni Ben Banwari, Seva Ashram,UP
Dr. Rajnikant Arole, Jamkhed Project, Ahmednagar
Ms. Rami Chhabra
Shri Ramoji Rao, ENNADU
Ms. Rani Bang, SEARCH, Gadchiroli
Shri RatanTata
Shri R. Srinivasan, Ex. Health Secretary
Dr. Saroj Pachauri, Regional Dir., South and South East Asia Population Council
Ms. Sharmila Tagore
Ms. Sheema Rizvi, MLC, UP
Dr. Sudarshan (Right Livelihood Awardee), Mysore
Prof. Sundar Lal, Rohtak Medical College, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine
Dr. Susheela Nayyar, Gandhi Medical College, Wardha
Prof. Swapna Mukhopadhyay, IEG, Institute of Social Studies Trust
Smt. Thelma Narayan, International Health Network of WHO
Dr. Trilochan Singh
Dr. V.H. Pai Panandhikar, Centre for Policy Research
Member -Secretary
Smt. Krishna Singh, Planning Commission

2.In addition to the above composition, the following shall be Permanent ` Invitees
to the Commission:-

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister

Cabinet Secretary
Secretary to the Prime Minister
Secretary, Department of Elementary Education Secretary, Department of Family Welfare
Secretary, Finance
Secretary, Department of Health
Secretary, Department of Higher and Technical Education
Secretary/ Member-Secretary, Planning Commission
Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development
Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister (Incharge of Health and Family Welfare)

3. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be as under :-

(i) To review, monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy with a view to meeting the goals set out in the Policy.

(ii) To promote synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes so as to hasten population stabilization.

(iii) To promote inter-sectoral coordination in planning and implementation across government agencies of the Central and State Governments, to involve the civil society and the private sector and to explore the possibilities of international cooperation in support of the goals set out in the Policy.

(iv) To facilitate the development of a vigorous people`s movement in support of this national effort.

4. If necessary, the Commission may associate any Expert Body or person in pursuance of its objectives. The Commission shall normally meet twice every year or as often as may be considered necessary. The Commission may constitute Working Groups/Task Forces to plan and strategise initiatives necessary to implement the Population Policy.

5. The Secretariat to the Commission shall be located in the Planning Commission.

6. In the matters-relating to the grant ofTA/DA to the Non-Official Members of the Commission for attending meetings etc. of the Commission or its subgroups, the expenditure will be borne by the Planning Commission and the necessary payment shall be made by it as per the rules governing grant of TA/DA to Non-Official Members. In the case of Official Members of the Commission, they will draw TA/DA from their respective Offices.

(N,C.Saxena)

Secretary to the Govt. of India